



ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1944, which has been compiled in accordance with Circular 49/45 of the Ministry of Health. I regret it has been impossible to complete it earlier as figures relating to the Vital Statistics were not received until 16th. July 1945.

SECTION A.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate, Mid Year 1944) - 3,920.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.

Total	34	Male	16	Female	18
Legitimate .	29	"	13	"	16
Illegitimate	5	"	3	"	2

Birth rate per 1,000 population (excluding boys at
Eton College) 12.0
National rate 17.6

Deaths.

Total	31	Male	10	Female	21
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Death rate per 1,000 population 7.9
National rate 11.6

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total Births nil
National rate 1.93

Deaths of Infants under 1.

Total .. 2 Male .. 1 (Legitimate) Female .. 1 (Illegitimate)

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births 58.8
National rate 46.0.

Deaths from Measles nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 1

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Influenza	-	2	2
Cancer	2	2	4
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	-	5	5
Heart disease	2	4	6
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	1	1
Digestive diseases	-	1	1
Nephritis	1	-	1
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, etc.	1	-	1
Violence	-	1	1
Other causes	2	3	5
	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>
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SECTION B.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water supply. Water is supplied throughout the District by the Windsor Corporation Waterworks, a constant supply of good wholesome water being given. The undertakers subject the untreated and treated water to regular monthly analyses, and during the year all were found to be of a satisfactory standard. One sample was also taken for chemical analysis and was found to be satisfactory.

Samples of water from 7 wells were also examined with satisfactory results.

The Council is taking steps with the Water Company to provide the 6 dwellings at present without a piped supply under the provisions of the Water Supply and Sewerage Act, 1944.

Drainage and Sewerage. There has been no extension of the sewers during the year. The method of disposal is by broad irrigation at the Council's Sewage Farm at Eton Wick.

Properties in the West Ward are continuing to be connected with the public sewer, 50 properties being connected during the year. Houses still unconnected with the sewer drain into cesspools or use pail closets, the contents of the latter being disposed of in gardens.

The Cesspools are emptied frequently by contract, 274 visits to 88 cesspools being made during the year. The contents of the cesspools are disposed of at the Sewage Farm.

Closet Accommodation. All houses in the district have the water carriage system with the exception of those in outlying parts of the district and in the West Ward not connected with the sewer. There are 102 cesspools and 16 pail closets. 2 conversions were carried out during the year.

Salvage. The Council still undertake the collection and disposal of salvage. The following list shows the result of the year's efforts:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Tins	28	-	33	0	0
Paper	30	-	94	0	0
Bones	-	9	3	0	0
Bottles and jars	22	-	41	0	0
Rags	-	11	7	0	0
Rubber	2	-	2	0	0
	<u>83</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£180</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number of Council houses infested ..	0
Number of other houses infested	2
Number of Council houses disinfested	0
Number of other houses disinfested..	2

Miscellaneous Controlled Premises.

<u>Description</u>	<u>No. in District</u>	<u>No. Registered</u>	<u>No. of Inspections made</u>
Bakehouses	2	2	1
Slaughterhouses	1	1	-
Cowkeepers	7	7)	}.. .. 27
Dairies (including Milk Retailers	15	15)	

Out-workers. The latest list of Outworkers contains 18 persons engaged with 3 firms on tailoring work.

Disinfection. Rooms in 3 houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.

Housing. No houses were built in the area during the year. Overcrowding due to war conditions is still prevalent. One house in the ownership of the Council was reconditioned and now houses a family previously living in overcrowded conditions.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply. There were 6 supplementary Milk Licences issued under the Milk and Dairies (Special Designations) Order, 1936/38.

The milk from the Council's farm continues to be of good quality. The cowsheds have been regularly inspected and found to be kept in a generally satisfactory condition.

Meat and Other Foods. 18 stones of fresh fish were condemned, 200 lbs. of bread and 200 lbs. of various sorts of tinned foods were condemned during the year and destroyed as being unfit for human consumption.

Ice Cream and Preserved Foods. 21 shops have registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream and preserved foods under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Details of Sanitary Inspection.

<u>Drainage</u>		<u>Housing</u>	
New drainage work	54	Dampness	1
Existing drainage	1	Defective ceilings	4
Interviews with owners		Defective range	1
re drains	1	Defective well	1
Blocked sewers	1		
Defective drains	2		
Deposits of sewage	1		
<u>Cowsheds and Dairies</u>		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Advice to owner	1	Inspection of fairs	2
Premises not being used	1	Inspection of Bake-	
Dirty floors	3	houses	1
Limewashing required	10	Water analyses	7
Roof dirty	1	Nuisance of pests	1
		Nuisance of bugs	2

Interviews with owners of properties and builders - 200

SECTION C.

Notifiable Diseases during 1944 (Other than Tuberculosis)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to Eton Joint</u> <u>Isolation Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	8*	7	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	1	-
Measles	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	2	-

*3 at the College.

8 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified and occurred in the following months:- January 2; February 1; March 2; August 1; September 1; November 1. Their ages were:- 16, 2 aged 14, 13, 2 aged 6, 5 and 3. 3 of the cases were boys from the College and 4 were from Eton Wick. 7 were admitted to the Isolation Hospital.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. 94% of the school children have now been protected against Diphtheria by immunisation, and, excluding those under one year of age, 37% of children under 5. The school children are immunised at the Schools, and a Clinic is held weekly at the Health Centre, Burlington Avenue, Slough. Children under 5 may also be immunised at the Eton and Eton Wick Infant Welfare Centres.

Tuberculosis. During the year one case of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis (hip) was notified, a boy aged 4. 3 deaths were recorded - a man aged 44 and a woman aged 20 - both from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and a boy aged 3 from Tuberculous Meningitis.

Laboratory Examinations. The following specimens for the Eton Urban District have been examined during the year at the Town Hall laboratory:-

Swabs for Diphtheria Bacilli	2
Sputum for Tubercle Bacilli.	1
Water samples	7

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